

- at least one [substantially elastic] buffer secured to one of the arms at a single distance from said support part and having [, opposite from the arm to which it is secured,] a contact face [of] which [the basis] is essentially at a right [angles] angle to [the] said support part and under which the layer is elastic enough to act as a compression spring.

--3. (amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein [each substantially elastic] at least one buffer [consists in] comprises a ring elastic on all sides, with a larger thickness under the contact face, ring which is covering the movable and removable arm to which it is secured.

*Sub 2* --4. (amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein said at least two movable and removable arms comprises [comprising] at least four movable and removable arms, each of said arms having a said at least one buffer secured thereto at a distance from said support part [being fitted out with buffers], the buffers of [the first] two of said at least four movable arms [along said support part] having their contact faces [in front of] facing the contact faces of the buffers of [the] another two [following] of said at least four movable arms.

*Sub 2* --5. (amended) A device according to claim 4, [further comprising at least another couple of movable arms arranged one behind the other] wherein said at least two movable and removable arms comprises in addition to said at least four movable and removable arms at least one pair of successive arms along said support part, each of these arms having a said at least one buffer secured thereto at a distance from said support part [being fitted out with buffers], the buffer of every arm of said at least one pair having its [which] contact face facing the contact face of the buffer of the other arm of same pair [faces are turned in opposite directions].

--6. (amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein said at least two movable and removable arms comprises [comprising] at least three pairs [couples] of movable and removable successive arms [mounted one behind the other] along said support part, each of said arms having a said at least one buffer secured thereto at a distance from said support part, [the movable arms of each couple being fitted out with buffers] the buffer of every arm of each of said at least three pairs having its [which] contact face facing the contact face of the buffer of the other arm of same pair [faces are turned in opposite directions].

*Sub 2* --7. (amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein [one end] at least one end of said support part is fitted out with a removable stop such as a clip, a rider, a pin, a key or [possibly] a section of cylindrical supple sheath slipped on said support part by a gentle forcing.

*Sub 2* --8. (amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein [on] the support part [of which is] has secured thereto a coupler which supports [fit to seize] another support part in at least one direction distinct from that of the first said support part, [direction] said another support part [which can carry a minimum of] carrying at least one movable arm provided with a said at least [substantially elastic] buffer and possibly another coupler.

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--9 (amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein [one of said movable parts is replaced by a fixed arm] the support part has secured thereto a coupler which supports another support parts in directions parallel to that of the first said support part, said another support parts carrying at least two movable arm provided with a said at least buffer.

--10. (amended) The method [process] of using a device including a first cylindrical support part, with a section circular or not, wherein at least two movable arms can slide along said first support part and be turned around it into at least one direction, said first support part might have secured thereto a coupler which supports another support part in at least one direction distinct from that of the first said support part, said another support part carrying at least one movable arm and possibly another coupler, each of said arms having a buffer secured thereto at a distance from the support part carrying said arm, said buffer having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the layer is elastic enough to act as a compression spring, said method for holding objects by clamping without damaging them, comprising the steps of:

- a) [.] [clamping said objects between substantially elastic buffers carried by movable arms arranged along one or several cylindrical support parts and liable to be turned into several directions around these support parts,
- b.) applying the buffer secured to each [on the back] of said arms against one [in the direction] of said objects or against one of the sides of a buffer secured to another arm or against some auxiliary rigid element,
- b) exerting on the back of each of said arms along the [said] support [parts] part which carries said arm, a manual thrust,
- c) stopping [and releasing] this thrust, so as to lock each of said arms by tilting against the support part which carries said arm [along which it is arranged,
- c. possibly take as support auxiliary objects put against buffers of the movable arms or against substantially elastic buffers carried by other movable arms arranged and locked along said support parts].